



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the U.S. Secret Service and Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On July 8, 2010, the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge sentenced Sherri Cuddeford to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons for fifteen (15) months, following her guilty pleas to one count of wire fraud and one count of check fraud.

Cuddeford, an employee of a Lincoln accounting firm, embezzled \$100,679.78 by forging checks on her employer's accounts and by making fraudulent automatic clearing house payments directly to her, and then depositing the funds into her personal bank accounts.

Cuddeford began her criminal conduct in August of 2003 and when her illegal actions were discovered by her employer in June, 2009, she had conducted 45 illegal wire transfers and forged 40 checks. Following her release from prison, Cuddeford will serve an additional three years of supervised release and will be required to make restitution of \$77,164.67 to the accounting firm, the loss remaining to be paid.

Name of Defendant: Sherri Cuddeford

AKA:

Age: 40

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

Wire Fraud, Title 18, U.S.C., § 1343; 0 - 20 years imprisonment, a fine up to \$250,000.00, both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of up to three years and a \$100.00 special assessment.

Check Fraud, Title 18, U.S.C., § 513; up to 10 years imprisonment, a fine up to \$250,000.00 or both such fine and imprisonment, a term of supervised release of up to three years and a \$100.00 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$100,679.78

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: August 1, 2003 - June 22, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: April 22, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: N/A

Initial Appearance Date: April 22, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty April 22, 2010

Sentencing Date: July 8, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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